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YANK FORCE IN BREST

Soviet Tanks Push South Of Warsaw; Cracow 40 Miles

Polish Patriots Enter Fight For Capital; Silesia 80 Miles

LONDON, Aug. 6—Soviet armored forces, in the boldest tank maneuver of their current summer offensive, pushed west across the Vistula River south of Warsaw today and drove within 40 miles of the Polish city of Cracow and fewer than 80 miles of the borders of Silesia, Germany's industrial heart.

As soon as Soviet's infantry had consolidated the first few square miles of ground on the west bank of the Vistula, Russian tanks threaded through the narrow gap drawing the infantry behind them. Once the breakthrough had been effected, tanks and infantry fanned out and surged toward Cracow in a manner described by one correspondent as "like the waters of a turbulent river that broke a dam."

Nazi troops were reported to be panic-stricken at the drive toward southeast Germany. The German command was faced with the choice of attempting to prevent a junction between Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's left flank and Marshal Ivan Konev's right flank or throwing all of their strength into the defense of Cracow, last big defense bastion before the Reich.

East of this sector, at the base of the salient in Southern Poland, Russian forces have mopped up German groups isolated in the triangle between the Vistula and San Rivers.

Farther south the Red Army smashed at what is left of the German lines in Southern Poland, capturing Stryj, rail and road junction in the Carpathian foothills.

In the Warsaw area, the Germans were faced with a two-sided fight. Within the city Polish patriots seized the railway station in the northern section of the city while Russian pressure increased from the south.

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Distillery Group Monopoly Charged

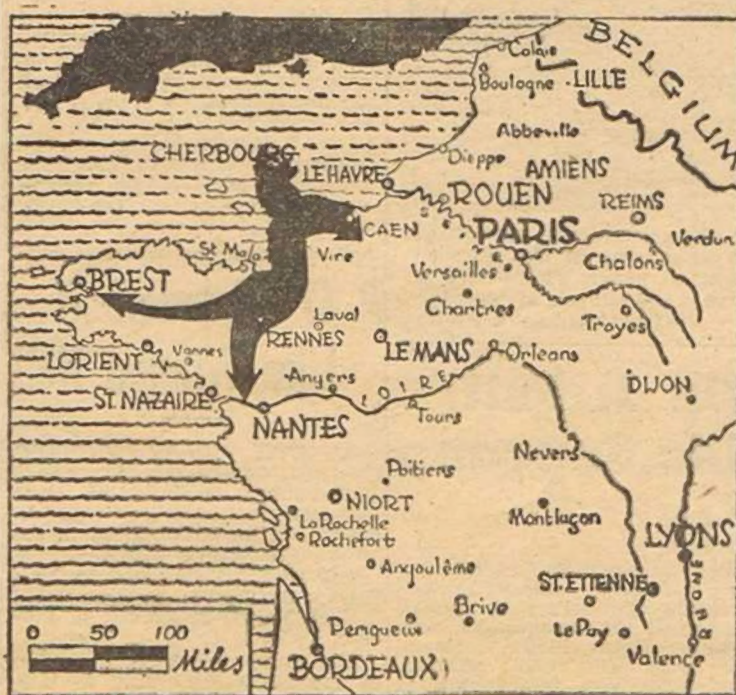
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—The Senate Liquor Shortage Investigation Committee accused four large distillery groups of moving to monopolize the production of all alcoholic beverages including whisky, wine and beer in a report made public today.

The report charged that National Distillers Products Corporation, Schenley Distillers Corporation, Seagrams Corporation and Hiram Walker-Gooderham and Worts "have in their possession today about 70 percent of the nation's supply of whisky."

This compares with an ownership of 49 percent in 1939, the report declared, despite the fact that since October, 1940, there has been no whisky distilled and "there has been a constant drain upon the inventories of the Big Four."

The committee asserted it had received complaints that grape owners are "alarmed" at the entrance of whisky distillers in the California wine industry. On Dec. 10, 1943, there were 395 active bonded wineries in California of which the Big Four owned 17, the report said. The committee, headed by Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.), announced it was continuing the investigation and will hold hearings in California.

SMASH ACROSS BRITTANY



Brittany Peninsula is now sealed off following the two-day American drive south from Rennes.

140 Miles Covered In Two-Day Drive

Brittany Peninsula Sealed By 2nd Column; Cities Of Laval And Mayenne Topple

LONDON, Aug. 6—American forces moving with sensational speed through western France, today fanned out in three directions from the Brittany capital of Rennes. By nightfall, one Yank column was said to be in the streets of the great Brittany harbor of Brest, a second striking to the south had reached the Loire River and sealed off the Brittany peninsula. The third, hitting to the east, captured the towns of Laval and Mayenne, some 40 miles east and northeast of Rennes.

Hitler Continues Wehrmacht Purge

LONDON, Aug. 6—Adolf Hitler continued his ruthless purge of the German army today and military observers here interpreted the measure as a definite indication that Nazi party leaders would brook no disobedience from Wehrmacht officers.

The statement from Hitler's headquarters that the army had requested the purge "to vindicate its honor," these observers said, indicated that the Fuehrer and his chiefs of staff were entrenching themselves more firmly as the real leaders of the Wehrmacht and that they had won a clear-cut victory over the top-ranking officers who engineered the attempt on Hitler's life July 20.

The "court of honor," set up to carry out the purge, already has dismissed one field marshal, four generals and many lower-ranking officers from the army. Those found guilty of taking part in the revolt against Hitler will be turned over to the "people's justice" which implies that punishment will be at the hands of Heinrich Himmler's Gestapo.

Field Marshal Von Witzleben, the first expelled, was commander of the army which broke the Maginot Line in 1940 and later was commander in chief in France.

Though the list of names in the first announcement of the new purge was by no means complete, it showed that several area commanders in Germany and some officers closely connected with the German Foreign Office were involved in the plot on Hitler's life.

The three-pronged drive was taking the hard-hitting American troops through the western sector of France at a much greater pace than the Nazis rolled during the height of the famed blitz in 1940.

More than 140 miles had been covered within two days by the columns driving to Brest while the advance to the south and the Loire, just east of the great Nazi submarine base of St. Nazaire was hailed as "the most sweeping Allied successes since D-day." It meant that the great port of Lorient as well as St. Nazaire and Brest were isolated.

Northwest of St. Nazaire and 60 miles southwest of Rennes the advancing forces took the key city of Vannes on the Bay of Biscay.

It was pointed out that six of the eight German U-boat flotillas in Western France are based at St. Nazaire, Brest and Lorient.

Once again, as a result of the whirlwind maneuver by the American forces, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery has placed Field Marshal Erwin Rommel in a critical position.

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Army Sets Deadline For Philly Strikers

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6—The U. S. Army, in blunt language backed up with bayoneted rifles and light artillery pieces, tonight told defiant striking transit employees to return to work by 1201 hours Monday morning or Army personnel would take over their jobs.

U. S. Attorney Gerald A. Gleeson also authorized issuance of warrants for the arrest of four strike leaders including James H. McMennamin, spokesman for the strikers. Others named in the warrants were: William C. Dixey, Frank Carney and Frank Thompson. United Press said each was charged with violating the Smith-Connally anti-strike law. Conviction carries imprisonment for one year or 5,000 dollar fine or both.

McMennamin in a former official of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Carney former president of the Philadelphia Transportation Independent Union which lost in a collective bargaining election to the CIO.

The Army ultimatum was issued by Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes, commandant of the Third Service Command in Baltimore, who was placed in charge of the transportation system after government seizure.

Army troops wearing helmets, carrying bayonets and with mounted machine guns and light artillery rolled into the city. The Army ultimatum, supported by the CIO Transport Workers Union, gave the strikers no quarter, only that they must return to work. It informed the strikers that the National Selective Service Board already had cancelled their occupational deferments, and those between the ages of 18 and 37 would be drafted.

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Billboard Bids Welcome But You Don't Go To Pisa

By Sgt. BOB FLEISHER
Staff Correspondent

PISA, Aug. 6—A colorful picture of the famous leaning tower and a large billboard on Highway 1 bids the tourist welcome. But nobody is welcome in Pisa today.

Our troops are firmly established in the southern part of the city. The Krauts are just as firmly set up in the north. The Arno River, a dirty, little stream some 50 yards wide, separates the two armies.

You'll look a long time in Pisa before you find any sign of life. The civilians are gone and the GIs are dug in during the day. You won't hear any noises either. Now and then you may find a hastily scribbled sign saying, "Five miles an hour. No dust," tacked up on a wooden post guarding one of the few passable roads still left. There is no other visible evidence of life or movement in the city.

But in one strongly constructed building a platoon of infantrymen peered cautiously through the sand-bagged opening at the large piazza outside which was as empty and desolate as the rest of the city.

"Jerry has direct observation on this square from two sides," said Lt. Kenneth Hess, Wayne, Ill. "The Arno River is maybe 200 yards down the street," he added, pointing, "and Jerry is dug in just across it, waiting, hiding, like us."

Suddenly the dreadful unreasonable stillness was broken by the whine of a shell and its explosion a few hundred yards away. Quickly the platoon assembled in a little

vestibule that was well protected by foot-thick walls and a strong roof.

"Here it comes again,"

Lt. Harold Schwartz, New York City, set to work with his target indicator. "It's that same SP that's been giving it to us for the last day and a half," he said. He relayed his readings to Lt. Hess at the phone who repeated the information. "And tell that artillery to put it to them," he added.

Then the shells began dropping faster and much nearer. For the next hour and a half they fell all over the square. One of them hit the roof of the building bringing bits of plaster down on their heads. "Must be them Russians overshooting again," grinned Cpl. Robert Sharp, Crestline, Ohio.

"This is the way it's been for weeks," said Lt. Joseph A. Corsaro, Brooklyn N. Y. "Quiet as hell dur-

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8th Army Established In Southern Florence

ADVANCED ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 6—Determined troops of the 8th Army are firmly established in that part of Florence lying south of the Arno River although active patrolling continued in the area, according to today's communique.

With this sector of the 8th Army front relatively quiet as troops consolidated positions in the Florence area, activity flared up along the eastern end of the line at the Adriatic coast where German troops were withdrawing all along the front and Polish and Italian troops advanced several miles beyond the Misa River.

Eighth Army troops were in complete possession of the port of Senigallia and Allied units had pushed beyond the coastal city to Cavalieri, Scapezza and Roncitelli.

Considerable patrol activity was in progress on the 5th Army front where Kraut units reacted vigorously to the slightest Allied movement.

Fifth Army patrols crossed the Arno River to probe enemy posi-

tions and returned after several hours behind the Kraut lines. A small enemy patrol was contacted in the coastal area and all were either killed or captured.

A number of German footbridges across the Arno were destroyed by 5th Army mortar and mortar duels continued throughout the day. South Pisa was shelled and mortared by the enemy on Friday.

The 8th Army line threatening Florence extended from near Montediplo, some 11 miles to the west, to a point four miles beyond the easternmost bounds of the city and, roughly, the line on either side of the city followed a course some 1,000 yards south of the winding Arno.

German long range guns emplaced in the hills north of the historic art center were shelling the sector held by British and Dominion troops, but 8th Army forces were not using artillery against the city.

With five of the six bridges over the Arno within Florence already

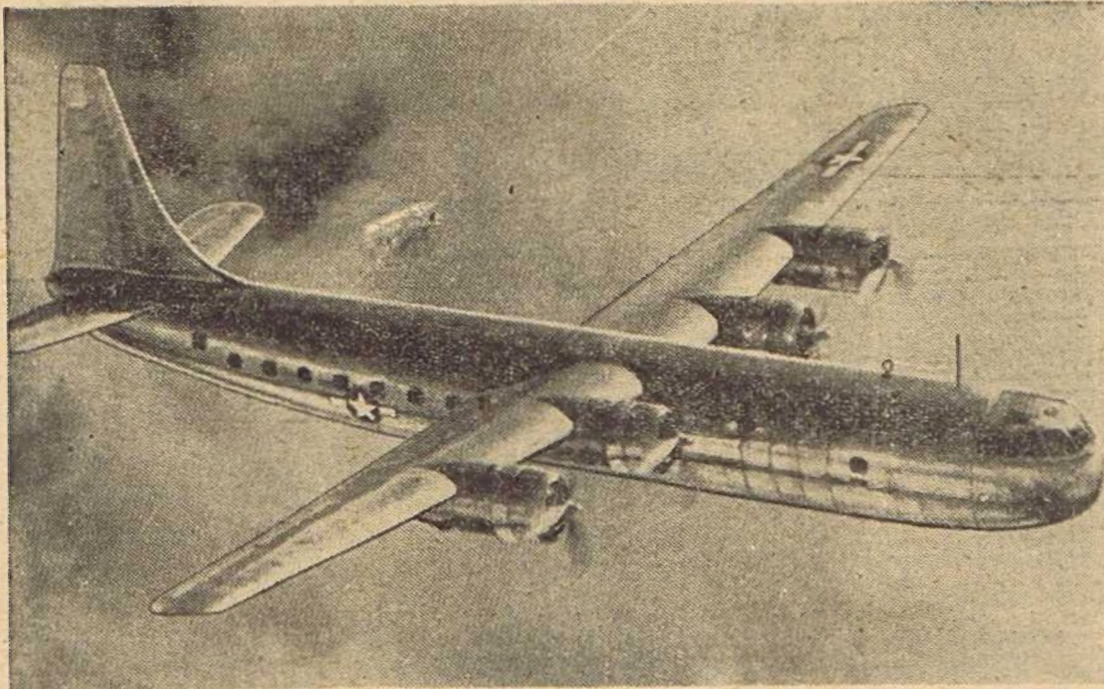
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47 Killed, 32 Injured In Railroad Smashup

STOCKTON, Ga., Aug. 6—Forty-seven Negro laborers were killed and 32 others injured last night when an Atlantic Coast train hit a broken rail and struck a side-tracked hospital car carrying wounded soldiers to Finney General Hospital at Thomasville, Ga. Four of the servicemen were injured slightly.

The Negro workers were headed for home for the weekend. They were all employed by the railroad. Besides the 47 known dead it is believed that four other bodies were still in the wreckage.

LIBERATOR OF POSTWAR ERA



War's contribution to peace is this new American Liberator Liner, the commercial version of the B-24 Liberator Bomber. This Liberator of the future will soon be soaring in the skies as its wartime forbear is now, only it will be covering a postwar world, at peace. This is a test flight, but after the war it will range 2,500 miles, carry 50 passengers, 1,200 pounds of baggage or mail, and cruise at 240 miles an hour. (Photo through PWB)

Funeral Services Held In Gun Pits

WITH THE 5TH ARMY—Capt. Lewis B. O'Hara, Arlington, Va., recently shattered precedent by temporarily suspending the war in his artillery battery long enough to hold a funeral service for one of his sergeants killed in an OP.

"I thought it was the least we could do for him," said the captain, CO of a 105 howitzer outfit with the Infantry Division. "I didn't want to see him lying on the ground under fire like a stick of cordwood until the Graves Registration squads could reach him, and since he was one of the most popular men in the outfit, I thought a service would be appropriate."

The dead sergeant had taken a forward observation party and gone up on a hill just captured from the Krauts. With him was 1st Lt. Oscar E. Thomas, Oakdale, Neb.

"The hill was a Jerry strong-point," said Lt. Thomas. "They had three machine guns in a building there, but the infantry captured it without much opposition."

"Next day we decided to set up an OP in the house. Just as we got there, the Germans started to shell the place which they had under perfect observation. We ran for the building but the shells followed us right in. One exploded in the doorway, killing the sergeant."

The lieutenant was wounded but was able to make his way back to the battery where he reported the events to Capt. O'Hara who immediately went out himself to recover the sergeant's body.

The next day the simple service, officiated by Chaplain Francis J. Pryor, North Platte, Neb., was held next to the gun pits. The roar of other guns along the front was a fitting salute to the memory of the dead man.

Compulsory Training Necessary--Mrs. FDR

NEW YORK, Aug. 6—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt said today she advocates compulsory military training after the war for boys and girls of 18 years of age because it would help develop citizenship responsibilities.

"Our youngsters must get it into their minds they have a responsibility to their country," she told members of Columbia University's Teacher College.

Mrs. Roosevelt also remarked that American school systems have "fallen down terribly in providing instruction in practical self-government."

In answer to a question how to absorb veterans if "full employment" is not available, she said: "Russia gives assistance in providing higher education to all deserving students. Immediately after the war we might borrow much from that nation and make certain changes in our education system to give freer opportunities for advanced study."

Opera Diva Will Admit She's A Terrific Soprano

By Sgt. LEN SMITH
Staff Correspondent

ROME, Aug. 6—Maria Caniglia, whose Amazonian proportions comply with all the traditions for Italian opera divas, is the best soprano singing in liberated Italy today. She herself will admit it, with booming modesty; her husband proclaims it with enthusiasm; and the capacity audiences at the Teatro Quirinal, even those who aren't paid to start the "bravos" agree heartily.

Physically, Maria Caniglia is absolutely no competition for the Gladys Swarthouts, Jeanette MacDonalds, Lily Pons or the other American divas who double in Metropolitan and movies, but vocally and histrionically speaking she is the answer to an opera-lover's dream.

"Her voice is like velvet—don't you think it is like velvet?" her husband says and asks at the same time. The husband, Maestro Pino Donati, is unemployed for the moment. He is living for the day when the Krauts are driven from Verona and he can resume his position as director of Teatro Verona, and has composed two operas in his day. He likes to describe his large wife's voice as having the softness of velvet.

"She has volume too, but always the quality of velvet," he insists.

In the current summer season of the Italian Royal Opera at the Teatro Quirinal, Maria Caniglia is singing her favorite role—Violetta in "La Traviata," one of Giuseppe Verdi's better bits of musical drama. Verdi is tops with Maria. "I know all the Verdi roles; all of Puccini, most of Wagner and the moderns," she tells you, and she's living for the day when she can sing these roles once more in London's Covent Garden and New York's Metropolitan.

The war, Maria and her husband will tell you, prevented her from becoming not only the best diva in Italy, but in America as well. In 1938 she made her Metropolitan debut in Alda, Tosca and Faust, singing opposite Martinelli, Pinza, Tibbett and Volpi.

"In 1939 I was ready to return to America under contract for a three month season in New York, Chicago and San Francisco, but the war," she sighs, and when Maria sighs it is in crescendo.

Maria has sung La Traviata three times during the current

154th Year Of Service Marked By Coast Guard

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—The United States Coast Guard, oldest armed sea force in the western hemisphere, celebrated its 154th anniversary Saturday, with 60,000 of its present personnel of 230,000 officers and men serving overseas.

Vice Admiral Russell R. Waesche, Coast Guard Commandant, paid tribute to the "ingenuity" of his men in a nationwide broadcast. He said the Coast Guard has assisted in the landing of troops in every large invasion both in the European and Pacific theaters.

summer season, each time to capacity audiences, whose bravos shook the Quirinal's walls. During her second performance the dean of Italian Opera, Pietro Mascagni, now very old and arthritic, shuffled his way through hushed lobbies, to pay his respects to the diva. His opera "L'Amico Fritta" is in the current repertoire, which also includes Puccini's "Madame Butterfly." In this presentation Beniamino Gigli's role is being sung by Ferruccio Tagliarini, who, some will tell you, is a better tenor than Gigli.

But few speak about Gigli around the Teatro Quirinal. He was among the very, very few Italian musical greats who collaborated with the Germans.

34th Chaplain Reports To Home Front On GIs

CHICAGO, Aug. 6—Service men at the front are not interested in politics and "they are depending on home folks to carry on in the American way for which they are fighting," Capt. Albert J. Hoffmann, former 34th Division chaplain, declared yesterday in an address before the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Chaplain Hoffmann holds the Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart. He suffered the loss of a leg last Nov. 7 under fire at Santa Mari Olivetta, Italy.

"Fighting men look with bitterness on reports of strikes in war plants and wonder if these enemies at home realize the harm they are doing," he added.

'Handlebars' Completes 320 Combat Days In Frontline

By Sgt. DON WILLIAMS
Staff Correspondent

WITH THE 5TH ARMY—He's no candidate for Hollywood glorification, he says, but T-Sgt. C. W. "Handlebars" Leeper, Des Moines, Iowa, has had a total of 320 days of combat on and off without missing a day when his outfit was in the line. As far as his 34th Division buddies know, that's as good an American record anywhere in the Mediterranean theater.

An infantry platoon sergeant, "Handlebars" first went into action in North Africa in January, 1943.

"That was tough," he admits, "but a guy doesn't know what he's letting himself in for and that helps a little. Every time you go in after that, it's a little worse. You know what's waiting for you."

He'll be 28 on August 8 and he hopes his luck will hold out until the job is done and he can go back to Iowa and his girl. His buddies—among them Pvt. Charles W.

Operation Strangle A Kraut Headache

By Sgt. VICTOR DALLAIRE
Staff Correspondent

ADVANCED TAF HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 6—The not too gentle art of laying tons of high explosives on one's enemy has progressed to the point that every bomb dropped is intended to strike where it will do the most good.

Although aircraft of the Tactical Air Force now and then run across a chance target too good to pass by, practically all objectives are selected long before an attack formation takes off. Individual missions are but single phases of broad-scale operations planned and carried out to help the ground forces.

Those Tough Biscuits Cause The Casualties

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—"Biscuit blasts" rather than bomb concussions cause a great part of the dental casualties in the Army, the Army and Navy Journal reported today. Service dentists, reporting the effects of K-rations on plates and bridges, recommended "dunking" for the hard-chewing fighting man.

P-47 Thunderbolt Like Winged Hell

A 12TH USAAF FIGHTER BOMBER BASE—The silvery P-47 Thunderbolts dotting this great dust-ridden airbase look innocent enough on the ground, but in the air, they're hell on wings.

The Thunderbolts are flown by a Fighter Bomber Group commanded by Col. Harold E. Kofahl, of Fellows, Calif.

The group has been in action in the MTO since July 6, 1943, when it carried out its initial mission from Korba, Tunisia. Since then, it has followed the land armies through Sicily, into Italy six days after D-day and up the peninsula ever since.

On May 11 of this year when the big land push kicked off, Col. Kofahl's pilots went into high throttle, averaging 50 to 80 sorties a day until June 6.

In the past year, the group has completed 1,500 missions and over 14,000 sorties which are quite tidy totals for 12 months. Planes of the group have dropped 10,344,000 pounds of bombs and sent 3,000 rounds of 50 caliber fire into enemy targets.

Here's the score against supply targets: 2,572 motor vehicles destroyed, 2,405 damaged; 591 rail cars knocked out, 1,714 damaged; 46 locomotives destroyed, 35 damaged; 23 enemy planes shot down, 23 damaged; two transports, three freighters, two destroyers, one light cruiser, all damaged and probably sunk.

'Tank Dozer'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—The bulldozer, praised by Army men as one of the real weapons of this war, now has a big brother called the "tank dozer." The Army reported that the tank dozer, which has already seen action in Italy, consists of a Sherman medium tank with a huge bulldozer blade mounted on the front.

The "operations' strangle" air technique, which simply means cutting and interdicting the enemy's road, rail, air and sea lines to a battle area, has been brought to a high state of perfection in Italy by Maj. Gen. John K. Cannon's TAF. Much of the planning of these operations has fallen to a tall, young West Pointer, Maj. Joseph Scott Peddie, of Oklahoma City.

MAP WORK

Major Peddie and other experts of General Cannon's staff spend countless hours pouring over maps to determine where TAF blows will be most effective. These maps are based on aerial photographs covering every square inch of enemy country. Roads, rails and other routes are given priority ratings for attack which are changed as ground operations develop.

"The ideal setup for an operations' strangle is mountain country where the network of communications pinches down to three or four main routes," Major Peddie said. "When it becomes obvious from recon flights that a battle sector is dependent on a few railroads and highways for supply, TAF bombers move in to cut these routes and isolate the battle areas."

Best rail target is a spidery steel bridge or a heavy masonry structure well removed from repair bases. TAF mediums usually carry out initial attacks, hitting a bridge, tunnel or other bottleneck to create the main break and cutting the line on either side of the main target. In this way, the enemy is forced to repair at least one of the outer breaks before he can start work on the main one.

Once a line has been cut, TAF maintains a constant watch on progress of repairs and when the target is in need of further attention, other attacks are carried out, usually by fighter bombers since territory structures do not require the weight of bombs that a permanent installation needs.

NAZIS HIT ROAD

Slashing of all rail lines leading to a battle area forces the enemy to use highways, but fighter bombers immediately turn to them, forming road blocks and knocking out enemy motor transport. A careful watch is kept over bypass sea routes while Allied aircraft rule the airways. To increase the strangle still further, TAF planes may turn to bombing supply dumps.

Creation of such a "belt of interdiction" has an immediate effect on the war on the ground. The flow of supplies and men to the enemy army is reduced to a trickle and it is forced to fall back to a point where supplies can be brought to it.

An operations' strangle may be created to pave the way for a ground offensive on a broad scale. The May 11 offensive against the Hitler and Gustav lines in Italy was preceded by weeks of heavy TAF blows. The actual kickoff was timed to air reports that all main lines to the battlefield had been slashed and that German supplies were low.

A few days after the offensive began the enemy turned to motor transport to reinforce his armies. The fighter bombers moved in with devastating efficiency.

Failure To Dig In Costs GI 50,000 Lire

WITH THE 5TH ARMY—Pvt. Henry Hyden, Williams, Calif., neglected to dig a foxhole recently and discovered his failure to do so had cost him plenty.

Hyden's cannon company had set up in a grape vineyard not far from the front lines. It was getting dark fast and it seemed useless to the dogface to dig in, so he just curled up on the ground.

Next morning he was awakened by an Italian peasant and upon getting up he was amazed to see the Eytie digging a hole on the spot where he had slept. He was even more surprised when the peasant reached into the hole and removed a can filled with 50,000 lire.

Plan For Treatment Of Reich After Collapse Already Set

Germany's Capitulation Will Be Accepted In Allied Name

Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau
NEW YORK, Aug. 6—Official optimism here is still not overly stressed, but the Associated Press says the United States government in conjunction with Britain and Russia is ready if Germany's surrender or collapse should come tomorrow. Plans for treatment of the fallen enemy have been worked out in detail, according to a Washington dispatch by John M. Hightower.

He said American officials are convinced it makes no difference whether Russia or Anglo-American forces get to Berlin first or which first accepts the major German army surrender.

Hightower wrote: "Neither side will make a separate peace. Either side will accept Germany's unconditional surrender at any time or place—accept it in the name of all the Allied powers."

This is in line with the British-American "unconditional surrender" policy worked out at Casablanca 18 months ago and formally subscribed to by Stalin at the Moscow conference with Churchill and Secretary of State Cordell Hull, said Hightower. Further commitment by Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt to joint action in war and in peace was made at the Tehran conference, he said.

A European advisory commission of British, American and Soviet representatives was assigned the task of working out plans for military and political cooperation when Germany folds up. The commission has completed its work, said the Associated Press writer, reporting the following outline of plans, covering two distinct periods:

One, end of organized resistance—this may cover several days or even weeks or may come as a single orderly surrender. The enemy's eastern front might collapse and the Russians march through to Berlin while British, American and Allied troops were still fighting their way to Berlin.

Two—occupation—this provides for a three-way occupation of Germany by British, Russian and American troops, joint occupation of Berlin, creation of a joint military commission to administer the country and means of getting civil authorities functioning again. Completion of the task of disarming Germany including the destruction or conversion of its armament factories is on the must list.

The period of greatest confusion will be at first. Initially Berlin may be occupied by one army alone or most of Germany may be overrun by one side or the other before all organized resistance halts. Plans for this period therefore are reported to be general and to provide for several alternatives, concluded Hightower.

Plan Would Snare Surplus U. S. Goods

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D., Cal.), proposed to the Senate Military Affairs Committee today that the government impound billions of dollars worth of durable goods for five years after the war to give private industry full access to civilian markets.

Johnson told the committee that to dump vast stocks of government-owned goods on postwar markets would retard industrial reconversion and might disrupt the entire civilian economy. His "padding plan" would apply to all durable goods, including wool and cotton products, but allow sale of perishables.

The bill would ban the sale of war plants costing more than five million dollars without Congressional approval, but provide for leasing them to private operators. The government would be barred from operating any plants, and ships and planes could not be sold by the government either to other countries or to private operators.

Bucket Of Blood

NEW YORK, Aug. 6—Ben B. Hofstadter, Brooklyn, is the first person in the United States to give 24 pints of blood—three gallons—to the armed forces.

Budget Director Gears His Figures For Peace

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—Gearing his figures to the assumption of a German collapse by next June 30 but a longer conflict with Japan, Budget Director Harold D. Smith today estimated war spending during the current fiscal year to be about 90 billion dollars.

Smith, describing his estimates as "highly tentative," said: "If victory in Europe be delayed the production of munitions will be stepped up to whatever may be needed. If German resistance should collapse earlier than assumed the expenditures for the current fiscal year may be somewhat below the estimate."

He pointed out that the end of hostilities in Europe would permit a cut back in war contracts but cautioned that the cash outgo would decline only with a considerable time lag. He said expenditure for pay and subsistence, including mustering out pay, would remain at a high level during the year.

Republicans Fight Reconversion Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—Senate Republicans are seeking support of southern "states' rights" Democrats to oppose a bill to create a super reconversion agency and set up 35 dollars weekly Federal postwar unemployment payment standards, according to the Associated Press. The bill was reported out of the Military Affairs Committee with a ten to seven vote.

The bill was termed by Sen. Warren R. Austin (R., Vt.), an "unprecedented grant of power" to Washington. It is sponsored by Senators James Murray (D., Mont.), Harry S. Truman (D., Mo.), and Harley Kilgore (D., W. Va.). It would create an Office of War Mobilization and Adjustment to preside as top agency over production and manpower until two years after the close of the war when its employment benefit provisions also would expire.

The bill envisions the appointment of a Work Administrator with authority to transport workers to new jobs and to provide six months of Federally-paid vocational and educational training to any worker plus paying 50 dollars monthly subsistence, 75 dollars if married.

The unemployment compensation section—sharply contrasting with a separate bill by Sen. Walter F. George (D., Ga.), to leave rate fixing to the states while guaranteeing the solvency of state unemployment funds—would fix uniform standards based on 75 percent of the worker's weekly pay.

Payments would be limited to 20 dollars weekly for bachelors, 25 dollars for workers with no dependents, 30 dollars for two dependents and 35 dollars for three or more. These maximum payments would also be extended to all discharged members of the armed services.

Senate Group Counsel Asks To Quit Position

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—Hugh Fulton, who as counsel for the Senate War Investigating Committee is credited with playing a major role in its probing efforts, sent his resignation to the committee today, following that of Sen. Harry S. Truman, who resigned because of his nomination for the Vice Presidency.

Fulton, it was said, may help Truman in the campaign. The committee, now under Sen. James M. Mead (D., N. Y.), was expected to accept Fulton's resignation.

Several inquiries thus far kept confidential will probably be developed within the next few weeks, it was stated by Rudolf Halley, the committee's executive secretary. One investigation, Halley said, concerns a connection, if any, between Navy contracts with the Norden Bomb Sight Company and the fact that Naval Commander John J. Corrigan was a former partner in a firm which worked for Norden.

Nazis' Current Crisis Much Like Kaiser's Dilemma Of 1918

NEW YORK, Aug. 6—Analyzing Hitler's situation are two columnists, William Philip Simms of Scripps Howard papers and Walter Lippmann in the New York Herald Tribune.

Simms remembers what historians call the turning point of the last war—August 3, 1918, 26 years ago—when Marshal Foch, Allied leader, defeated the Germans in the second battle of the Marne.

Eleven days later the Kaiser held a secret meeting with both military and civil leaders. There it was admitted that Germany couldn't win the war and plans were made to prepare for the end. However, the collapse became uncontrollable. On Sept. 30 Bulgaria signed an armistice. Turkey followed in 30 days. On Nov. 3 Austria Hungary bowed out. The Kaiser fled to Holland on Nov. 9 and 48 hours later came the armistice.

Simms doesn't guarantee that the time table will be the same or as soon, but the props are beginning to look the same, he says.

Lippmann says Hitler is well aware of the historical day when the Kaiser admitted defeat. The columnist believes there has been a similar meeting of Hitler and his henchmen where they talked frankly of how to get the best possible peace terms and of their own personal futures. Lippmann thinks they still are the ice-cold devils they always were. He writes:

"They aren't acting like men who think of themselves as doomed and are determined to sell their lives as dearly as possible."

"Hitler and Himmler show neither the listlessness of despair nor the aimlessness of desperation." Lippmann notes that the contrast between Hitler's behavior and Mussolini's a year ago is striking. Mussolini was truly a beaten man, his energies paralyzed because in his inmost soul all hope was gone. Not so Hitler. He still has a plan and purpose.

What plan and what purpose? asks Lippmann. Then proceeds to answer thusly:

One, he may have some hope of by hook or crook and secret weapons holding out until winter and perhaps tire and divide the Allies. Two, he may be preparing to go underground when the time comes, the most obvious escape routes being via Spain to Argentina.

Hitler is scheming to make his corps of officers the scapegoat for defeat, thinks Lippmann, explaining:

"If the Nazi movement is to live underground and exploit to its own advantage the inevitable suffering and frustration of the German nation it is absolutely essential that Hitler have an alibi for defeat."

STILL OOMPH



... Grable and offspring ...

In direct ration to their remoteness from civilization, soldiers still prefer Betty Grable to all other movie glitterbugs, a recent survey of GIs in all parts of the world disclosed. Others, in order: Rita Hayworth, Ginger Rogers, Lena Horne, Alice Faye, Ginny Simms, Betty Hutton.

Lola Had Too Many Hubbies, It Seems

NEW YORK, Aug. 6—The FBI this week caught up with Lola Faye Smith, 23-year-old Tacoma, Wash., dancer, who was charged with collecting allotments from the pay of a soldier and a Coast Guardsman—without benefits of divorce from either.

The FBI had quite a job, for it turned out that Lola was married to another soldier, but she wasn't getting his allotment. And, as though that wasn't complicated enough Lola was found to have had another husband 'way back in 1941, but she at least took the trouble of divorcing that one.

Sitting through the welter of confusion, E. E. Conroy, chief of the FBI's New York office, reconstructed Lola's marital roundelay this way: In 1941, after her divorce from one Harry Jones, Lola was married to Pvt. Victor Petz who was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. In 1942, she was married to Pvt. Cornelius Ladd at New Brunswick, N. J. In 1943, she was married to Joseph Irvin Johnson, a water tender in the Coast Guard. Conroy said she was receiving, at the time of her arrest, allotments from Ladd's and Johnson's pay, totalling 130 dollars a month.

The only hitch in her plan was that the authors of the Servicemen's Dependency Act had never written any provision for such multiple earnings.

Seizure Photo Now In Catalogue

CHICAGO, Aug. 6—There is nothing quite like the American practice of turning a liability into an asset, as Montgomery Ward and Co. is about to demonstrate. Remember the stir that was created several months ago when Sewell Avery, board chairman of the mail order house, was carried out of his office by two soldiers because he refused to vacate after President Roosevelt told the Army to move in and settle a strike dispute? Most folks figured that Mr. Avery and his associates would consider the incident in the light of unfavorable publicity and want to discourage distribution of the photo showing the obstinate prey being given the old heave-ho by the men in uniform. However, the firm's publicity department has very different ideas on the subject. They have decided to use the picture in the firm's mail catalog and caption it: "We take orders from everybody."

NEVADA, Mo.—Ray Buchanan has a hen with singleness of purpose. She wants to set. Buchanan tried all known procedures to dissuade her but failed. Finally he put a tray of ice cubes under her. Still she sat. Buchanan gave up, lifted the hen, found the old biddy so cold she couldn't walk. Frozen to her job!

WASHINGTON—A War Department analysis of the experience of 133 airmen struck by flak while wearing body armor shows that two-thirds escaped injury of any kind. A breakdown revealed that 65.3 percent of the men were not injured, 24 were slight-



Philippine Outlook Said Much Changed By Quezon's Death

Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6—The death of Manuel L. Quezon utterly changes the Philippine political picture and probably will result in a radical turnover in the political philosophy of the Filipino millions who had blindly followed his lead, observers reported today.

The death of Quezon may bring these developments in postwar Philippine politics, writes Ray Cronin, chief of the former Associated Press Manila Bureau:

1. A decided increase in the strength of the all-powerful Quezon Nacionalista party.
2. Abandonment of Quezon's theory of a one-party government.
3. The formation of new political factions and the rebirth of old parties that went to pieces on the rocks of the Quezon rule.
4. A free-for-all political fight for control of the government of the independent republic.

The personalities and issues entering into the picture now that Quezon is dead are numerous, writes Cronin.

First, there's Sergio Osmeña, who took oath as President of the war-exiled Commonwealth government following Quezon's death.

As a tribute to the memory of Quezon, the Filipinos will accept Osmeña in the new role, but observers doubt if he will be able to hold control after the government is re-established in Manila. Osmeña, a quiet, dignified personality, lacks the colorful, dynamic force of Quezon, said Cronin.

A few of those to be reckoned with in the Philippine political setup after the war are Col. Carlos P. Romulo, Manila newspaper publisher and veteran of Bataan, and Jorge B. Vargas, secretary to Quezon. There are others who for security reasons cannot be named. They have carried on in the Philippines under Japanese military administration. They are in the hands of the Japanese, who don't even suspect that the loyalty of these men centers entirely in America and their own country.

Some of these men are veterans of the fight against the Japanese. Others are serving in the present puppet government. Yet the Filipinos don't look upon them as Quislings, but as men in a tough spot who are doing a real job for their country under trying, dangerous circumstances.

Romulo had been very close to Quezon after the President came to the U. S. in exile. The colonel entered the fray against Japan at the outset and was one of the last men to escape from Bataan and reach Australia.

Vargas was the "little Napoleon" of Quezon's administration. The Japanese continued him in office as the head of an "executive commission" and today he serves as Philippine Ambassador to Tokio. Many have looked upon Vargas as a Quisling.

ly wounded, 2.3 percent were seriously hurt and 8.2 percent were killed.

WASHINGTON—The Army has found a new use for its dogs—as mine detectors.

The non-metallic land mines, which cannot be located by mechanical devices, are a specialty of these highly-trained "M-dogs." Working on six-foot leashes, the animals locate mine fields and either lead the way around them or point a safe path through them.

CHICAGO—The American Medical Association Journal declares in a recent issue that the American people vitally need a physical fitness program such as that which will start throughout the nation on September 1.

The magazine printed the recent report of Col. Edward G. Rowntree, chief of the Selective Service medical division, which said that more than 4,000,000 American men are classified 4-F in the draft and also cited a study showing that 13 percent of the young men entering the University of Illinois could not swim and that 24 percent could not jump an obstacle waist high.

"Evidence of this type," the journal said, "lends support to the colonel's charge that many Americans are flabby, soft, pampered and in need of conditioning."

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-- MAIL CALL --

Essay On Pay

Dear Editor:

Much has been written and said about the current GI topic of extra pay for that great and glorious branch of the Army, the Infantry. We all agree that if ever a soldier deserves credit and some sort of monetary reward, it should be the doughfoot soldier who has seen combat. We propose that all combat soldiers be treated the same in every respect whether they are tankmen, medics, artillerymen, engineers and what have you. The men in the various units named above also sweat out the big and the little "stuff" the same as the infantrymen do. They, too, die in the same manner as the infantrymen, only some die a more horrible death; such as the tankmen. You infantrymen have seen what happens to the crew of a tank that has been hit. Think it over, you infantrymen, don't you think that the men who wear the triangle insignia of the Armored Force deserve combat pay also? Soldiers of all branches within a designated combat area should be made eligible for the proposed extra pay. After all, we are American soldiers even though we belong to various units. We (all of us) are over here for the same purpose as are the infantrymen; to do our bit in the best way we know how, and to hasten victory, so that we may return home some day.

—S-Sgt. F. P. Girardi

Allied Canteens

Dear Editor:

As a British Service-man who firmly believes in Anglo-American co-operation, I have a suggestion to make. It concerns the Forces' canteen and restaurant arrangements in Rome where thousands of Allied Service members are daily enjoying themselves on short leave.

There is no doubt that the general arrangements for the boys (and the girls) are excellent and the American and British authorities I imagine are entitled to share the credit. It seems a pity, however, that so many of the canteens and restaurants are for certain forces only such as American, British, French, Canadian and New Zealand.

Could you bring to the notice of your Welfare and Red Cross authorities the suggestion that as many "All-Allied" canteens, restaurants and clubs should be opened in Rome.

They will do much, I feel sure, to foster the comrade spirit needed to "Win the Peace."

I have written in similar strain to the British Army newspapers "Union Jack," "Crusader" and "Eighth Army News" and hope some good will come of it.

—Pte. S. Newman

Ribbons For Sale

Dear Editor:

Recently a buddy of mine who returned to the States on rotation wrote me that any soldier can go to an Army store and buy battle stars and campaign ribbons. He also stated that many fellows who have not been overseas are sporting these ribbons and stars.

We men overseas in combat can't understand it. Why aren't campaign ribbons and battle stars issued only to those entitled to them? How come Army stores sell such decorations?

It is tragic paradox that the Army requires such exacting care in recording ribbons and stars authorized and issued on personnel records, and then allows such awards to be sold.

The value of such awards is becoming diluted and don't mean much when one can buy them over the counter in Army stores in the States.

Why isn't such a policy stopped?

—Cpl. Henry H. Lifson

Cry-Babies

Dear Editor:

The Stars and Stripes has given me much pleasure, as I know it has many others in this theater.

However, I cannot understand why you persist in publishing in the Mail Call column so many letters that whimper about some minor real, or some entirely imaginary injury, either to an individual's or a group's rights as a soldier or future civilian.

Apparently, there is a genuine sob-sister element in our great Army which feels so sorry for itself that it inadvertently casts shame upon the majority of our front-line troops, who stoically accept the hardships of their job.

I feel qualified to speak for that proud majority. I have seen them fight, and I have been wounded in action.

They are not lamenting any absence of sympathy or fair treatment; the greater part are devoted silently to ending our war the quickest way!

—Lt. Maurice D. Kellogg

That's That

Dear Editor:

I hope you find space to print this letter. Thank you.

We belong to a transportation unit, and are always on the road.

To all GI hitch-hikers we wish to say this—do not get the idea we are all jerks for not picking you up. We cannot help it. An order has been put out forbidding us to pick up either GIs or civilians.

—Pfc. J. Scott
T-4 V. Bricino
T-5 Muscarella

When In Rome

Today

STAGE

"The Wotnots," ENSA musical comedy at 1830 hours; Argentina Theater, Largo Argentina. No tickets required.

SCREEN

ARC Movie House: Barberini, Piazza Barberini, 1500, 1700, 1900 hours. "So's Your Uncle," Monday and Tuesday. Admission free.

ENSA Supercinema, Via Nazionale and Via Agostino Depretis. Noel Coward's "This Happy Breed," Continuous from 1200 hours. Last showing 2000 hours. Admission free.

OPERA

Royal Opera House, Via Viminale: Grand Opera Season. Tuesday, August 8, "Mephistopheles," Wednesday, August 9, "La Boheme," Thursday, August 10, "Rigoletto," Saturday, August 12, "Aida." Tickets from 25 to 300 lire, obtainable at box office, open daily 0930 to 1800 hours.

CLUBS

Visit the ARC EM Club, Cassino della Rose. Conducted tours at 0930 hours and 1430 hours plus daily activities.

ARC Officers' Club, Hotel Barberini, Piazza Barberini.

British Officers' Club, "Trocadero," Villa Medici.

Catholic Club for Allied Forces, Via 235 Via Panisperna.

Polish Club, open 1300 to 2100 hours, della Conciliazione. Tours of Vatican and Rome daily.

RESTAURANTS

GI Restaurants open 1130-1430 1800-2030 hours:

Ristorante Roma, 38 Piazza Poli.

Ristorante Amedeo, 17-19 Via Fabio Massimo.

Restaurant for American Officers, Nurses and uniformed guests; open 7 Via Parma.

Ristorante San Carlo, 120 Corso Umberto.

Air Forces Rest Camp Restaurant—Largo Theater Vale, 1100 to 1930 hours.

EXHIBITS

War Art Exhibition—Canada Club, 1000 to 2100 hours.

Polish Exhibit. Customs, History, Art and Army. Popolo di Roma.

Barrier Gone From FDR's House Walk

Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau

WASHINGTON—There's been a big change in front of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue—the United States Secret Service has taken down its little white saw horse.

Ever since the hectic, uncertain days which followed Pearl Harbor more than two and one-half years ago, the sidewalk in front of the White House has been shut off by these low barricades at each end of the block. Upon each was a not-to-be-missed sign telling you to cross the street and pass on the other side.

The removal of the barriers indicates the change which has come over Washington in regard to the war. The purpose of the obstructions was to put a little more distance between the White House and any stray crank or foreign agent who might come along with hostile ideas about its occupants. As the days and months went by and no such menace appeared, the Secret Service began to breathe a bit more freely and now those suspicious watchdogs of the President's safety have relaxed to the point of once more permitting Washingtonians and visitors to use the White House promenade.

GRADUAL CHANGE

Any person who had kept a close watch on the White House could have foreseen the barricades' removal some time ago. At first, the White House guardians were very strict about not letting anybody who didn't have a White House pass use the forbidden sidewalk. This period of strictness lasted for about two years. But during the past six months, a gradual change took place. At first the guards began to let people use the sidewalk when the President was not in residence. Then they began to let persons in uniform use this pavement even when the President was there. And finally it got so that some guards would let everybody ignore the signs and the saw horses, and when it reached that point it was easy to see that the reign of the barriers was over.

Joseph G. Harrison of The Christian Science Monitor believes that there may be a distinct drawback in removing the railings and opening the sidewalk to unlimited numbers of pedestrians. It eliminates certain elements of daring and mystery which existed when the garriendes were still in place.

"Whenever an authorized person stepped by the barrier onto the forbidden concrete, you could see him give a sly look at the nearby golden-shielded Secret Service man to see what the latter's reaction would be. Thus there was always that feeling his whistle at you and ask if you had any right to be walking there. You liked it even if you did have a pass, because showing it immediately lifted you into the class of 'big shot' and the guard beckoned you on with befitting ceremony."

TOUCH OF MYSTERY

"Even for those who didn't try to walk on the White House sidewalk, the previous arrangement had its compensation. To the many out-of-town visitors, there was something altogether fitting in the fact that the President and the White House were being guarded so carefully. Being forced to cross the street and look at the White House from some 30 to 40 feet farther away only added that touch of mystery and magnitude which they had hoped to find in the Nation's capital."

"But, seriously speaking, the change is a welcome one since it shows that the ultra-conservative Secret Service believes that the possibility of any attempt against the President's security, at least while he's in the White House, has been dissipated. This step is in line with several reports from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stating that sabotage in the United States has been at a minimum and that things are well under control."

In fact, if things keep on at this rate, Washington kiddies may have their egg-rolling on the White House lawn next Easter.

Col. Starling Dies

NEW YORK, Aug. 6—Col. Edmund W. Starling, 69, retired head of the White House detail of the U. S. Secret Service, died here yesterday. He had guarded five Presidents before retiring last Nov. 1. During his 25 years as a member of the White House detail not a single assassination attempt was directed at the President, although many were nipped in the bud.

POLISH GENERAL HONORED



The Legion of Merit, degree of Commander, is presented to Lt. Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, commanding the Polish Corps in Italy, by Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander of the Mediterranean Theater.

Polish Commander Cited For Aid To Allied Nations

ROME—Honoring the outstanding performance of Polish units in the Italian campaign, the Legion of Merit of the U. S. Army has been awarded to Lt. Gen. Wladyslaw Anders, commanding the Polish Corps in Italy.

The citation, read at an impressive ceremony in the Piazza Venezia in the presence of high Allied officers, said, in part:

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United States and the Allied Nations in Italy from October, 1943, to July, 1944."

"As commanding General of the II Polish Corps, General Anders brilliantly led his men in the final overwhelming drive that resulted in the retreat of the German Army from strongly defended Cassino. Later, General Anders again led his men in the capture of the important port of Ancona. The outstanding leadership and tactical ability displayed by General Anders were primary contributions to the

success of the Allied Forces in the Italian campaign."

Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ, making the presentation to General Anders, said, in part:

"The career of the Polish soldier whom we are here to honor might well be the subject of an epic. He led thousands of his people into Persia where he formed and trained an army. He has commanded that army—the II Polish Corps, in Italy. There are no fighting men superior to these soldiers and there are no soldiers who have a more compelling reason, a greater incentive to destroy the enemy."

The presentation ceremony was also attended by General Sir Harold Alexander, Commander in Chief of the Allied Armies in Italy; General Kazimierz Sosnkowski, Commander in Chief of the Polish Army; Maj. Gen. Harry F. Johnson, U. S. Army, Commanding General, Rome Allied Area Command; Maj. Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, U. S. Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, Allied Armies in Italy; and Brig. Gen. Tristram Tupper, PRO, AFHQ.

Puplent Poets

Aftermath

If I should come into the house
And seek the safety of your arms
Guided by another's hand
Because I cannot see—
Will you remember me?

If I should come into your sight
With only half a man's proud stand
Supported by another's hand
Because I cannot hold—
Will you remember me?

If I should come into your view
And have no embrace to offer you
Except that of another's arms
Because I cannot hold—
Will you remember me?

If I should come into your life
And be bought but a telegram
Delivered by another's hand
Because I do not live—
Will you remember me?
And weep a while?

—S-Sgt. Frank S. Halpin

My Prayer II.

My prayer is that which we might share.

The fruits in life we are aware
We are born to live and die,
But with each day that should go by

I hope my prayer will always abide
This gracious world some men
would ruin.
But the hand of God I pray will atone;

So if my prayer should go in vain,
Let the wicked live in shame
So peace and good will forever reign.

And so my prayer is ended now;
I pray to God to whom I kneel and bow.

—Pfc. Joseph J. La Palermo

Hitler's Escape

We are sorry they missed
As he should have been kissed
With a large hunk of steel in his head;

I think it's a shame
That it didn't have his name—
We'd be so doggoned pleased with him dead.

It tears all hearts asunder
That he's not six feet under
Making old Mother Earth his last bed.

(If you don't like this poem
Think up one of your own—
No one asked that the blamed thing be read!)

—Lt. Roy Johnston

Two Hearts

Two clocks in the same room
Are ticking out the hours
Of some poor devil's doom.

Two hearts of the like flesh
Are spinning out the time,
Weaving the day's strong mesh.

Heart beats, like the two clocks,
Add up to the same thing;
Only the young fool mocks.

—Capt. Frederick Brundle

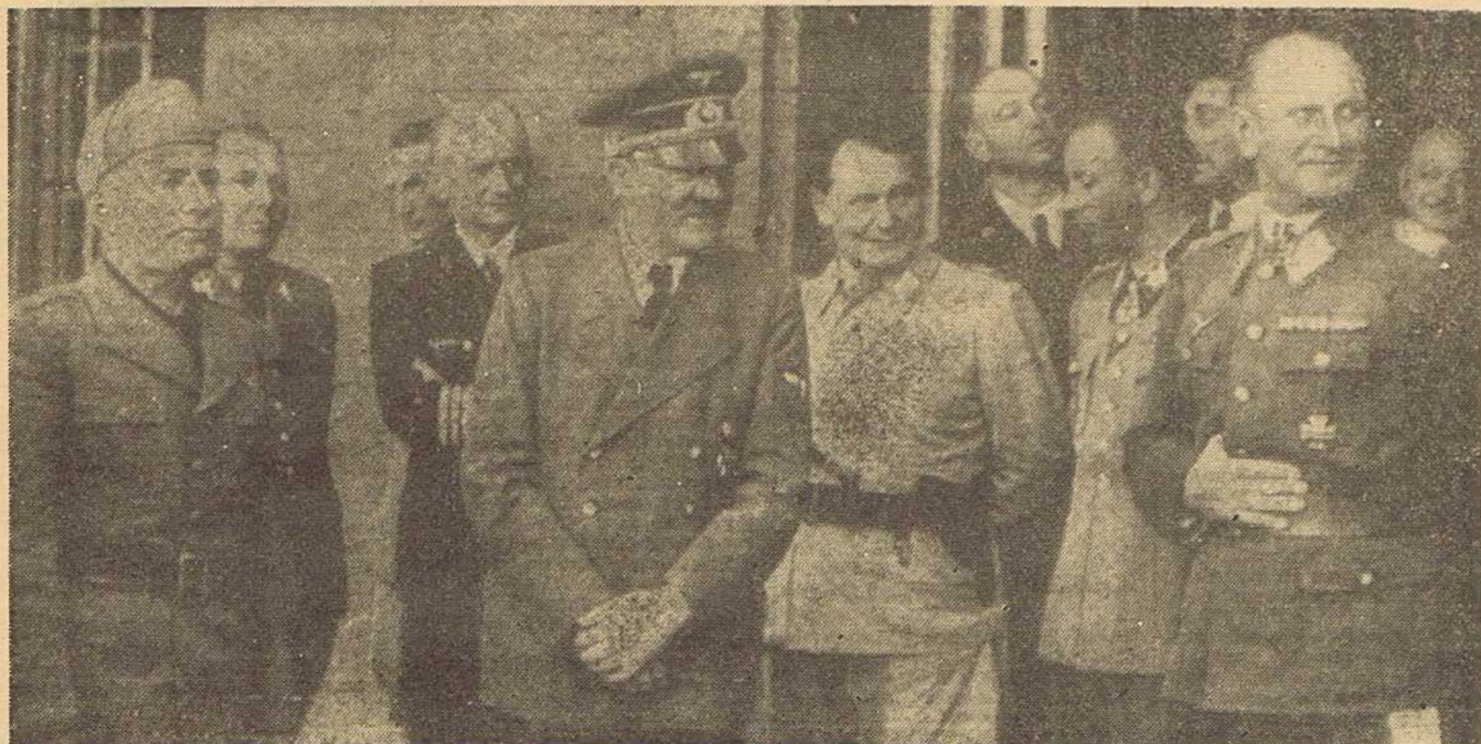
Tired An' Weary

I'm roaming in Rome to my heart's content,
Till my poor feet ache and my tired back's bent

My eyes are crossed, my neck's screwed tight
From trying to see all in one big sight.

—W-O Verwer T. Stewart

AROUND THIS CHANGING WORLD



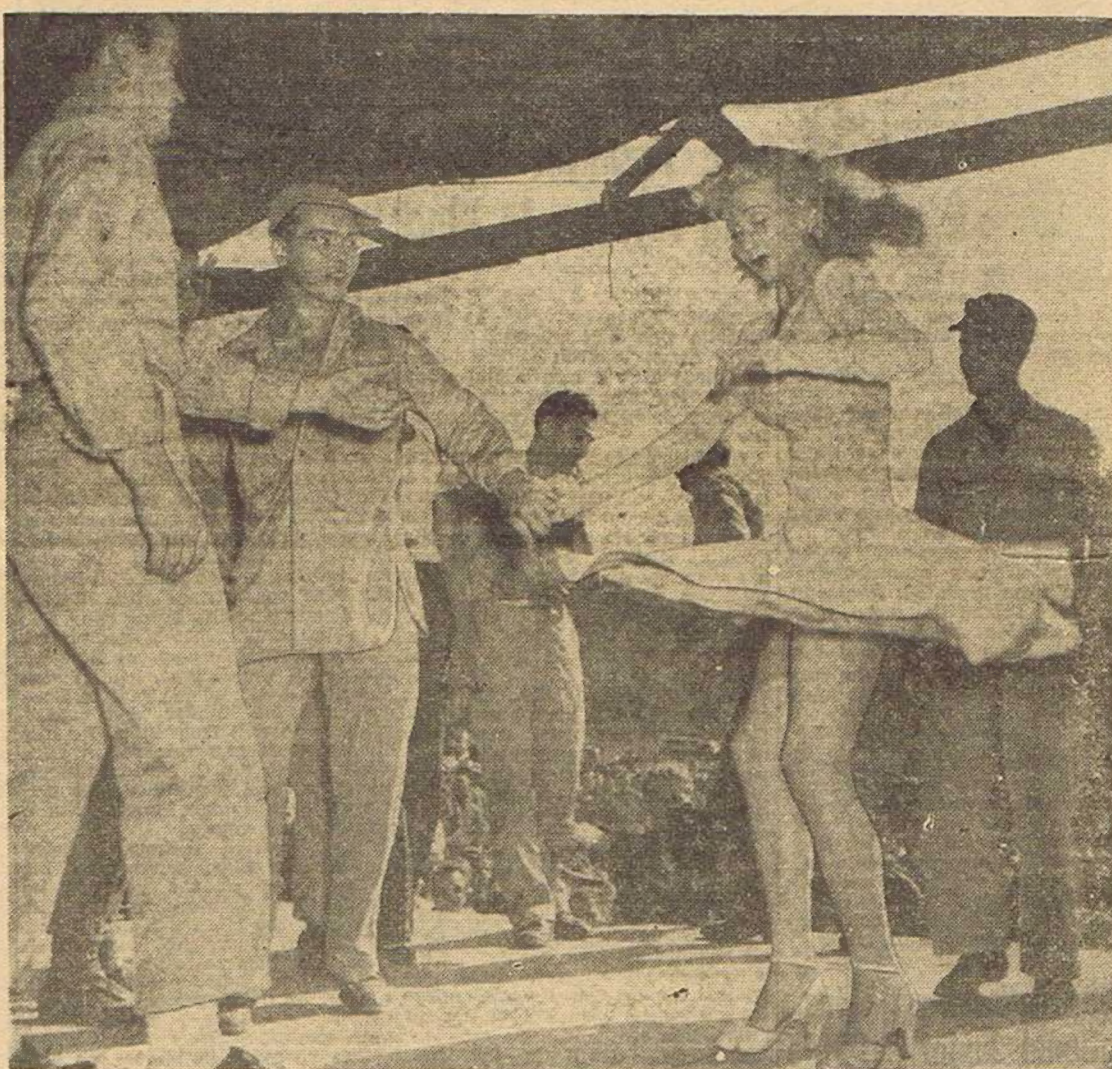
That mark on Hitler's hand probably happened when Adolf got mad at his crystal ball and tried to knock some sense into it. But it's supposed to be his "assassination wound." From left to right are Mussolini, Martin Bormann, unknown man, Adm. Doenitz, Goering, Gruppenfuhrer Fegelein and Col. Gen. Loerzer.



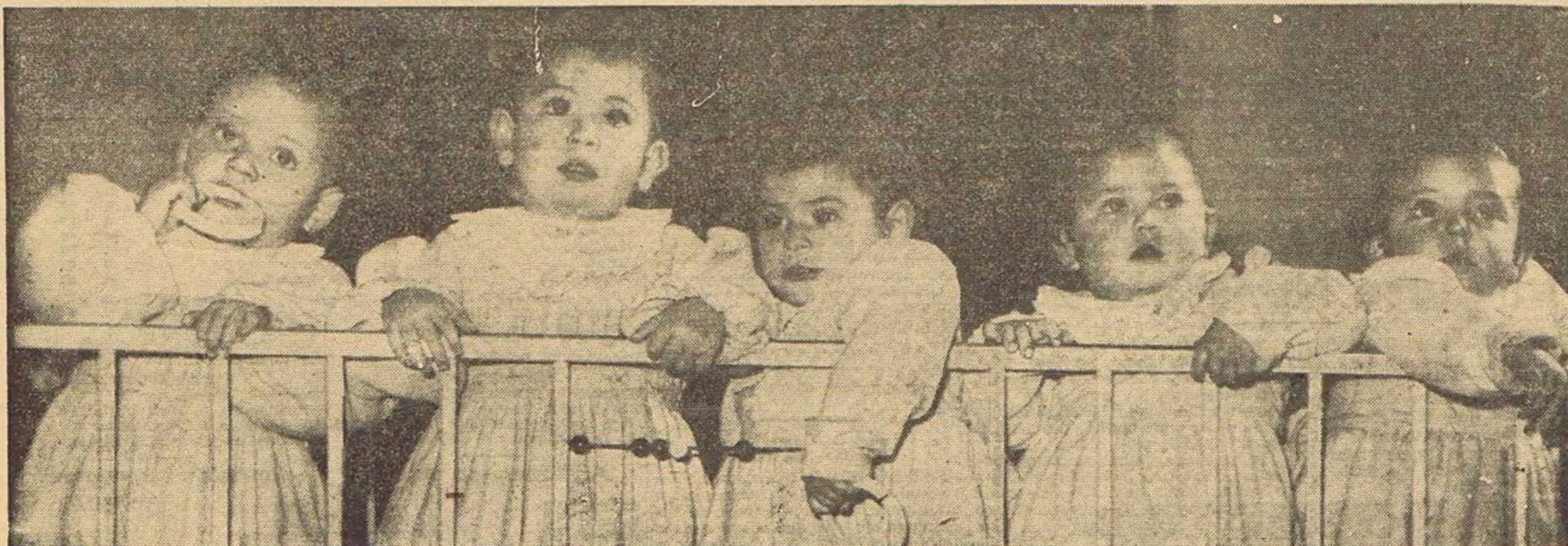
Flying an American plane, the P-39 Airacobra, this Soviet ace has shot down 48 out of his toll of 59 Nazi planes. He's Lt. Col. Alexandre Pokryshkin.



It's button, button, who's got the shirt in the case of Pvt. Troy W. Woods, Kosciusko, Miss. He used to work for the circus. T-5 Ralph Potter, Concord, N. H., puts Woods in stitches.



Some soldiers ain't so dumb, especially the South Pacific boys who see something like Carole Landis once every monsoon. When these pin-up gals don't show up the way they look in the pictures, you just jitterbug 'em a little—and presto! Pipe the fotog in back.



In their playpen in Buenos Aires the famous Diligenti quintuplets, dressed in their Sunday best, celebrate their first birthday. They're all healthy and nor-

mal youngsters. The boys, Carlos Alberto and Franco are at left. The girls, Maria Ester, Maria Fernanda and Maria Christina, are pictured at right.

SPORTS
PARADE

Ben Chapman returned to the majors after a six-year absence Friday and hurled the Dodgers to a 9-4 victory over the Braves. The 36-year-old former outfielder allowed eight hits, including a homer by Charlie Workman, and fanned five. Actually, he was a better hitter than a pitcher, driving in three runs with a double and scoring three times himself.

The Kentucky thoroughbred breeders have discovered that they've had a 2,000,000-dollar business tossed in their laps because of curtailed transportation brought on by the war. The four-day yearling sales, held at Lexington, Ky., which ended Friday night, grossed 2,285,000 dollars, an average of 5,230 dollars each for the 437 head offered for sale to set a new record. The sales were formerly held at Saratoga, N. Y., but now the Kentuckians have formed an association of their own and are planning to expand when the war ends.

Gunder Hagg ran the best race of his career Friday night in the Stockholm, Sweden, stadium, clipping three and six-tenths seconds off his own world record for the two-mile run, covering the distance in 8:42.8.



Sweden's other great runner, Arne Andersson, turned in a fast 2:21.9 for the 1,000 meters and E. Elmsaeter smashed his own world record for the 3,000 meter steeplechase, being clocked in 8:39.6 at the same meet.

Tears were in 85-year-old Connie Mack's eyes Friday night as he told 30,000 well wishers at Shibe Park that "this is the happiest night of my life," the occasion being his 50th anniversary as a major league manager. In addition to gifts, including a 5,000 dollar check, Connie received a congratulatory telegram from President Roosevelt. The Yanks ruined the night, however, nosing out Mack's Athletics, 1-0, when Bobo Newsom failed to cover first on a bunt and the runner later scored on Hershel Martin's single.

Roy Hughes, top Cub slugger, is probably the only major leaguer ever to sport the nickname "Sage." Like some of the stickiest nicknames this one got its start from the baseball diamonds. While still in high school, one of the teachers kept calling him "Sage" during a school game. Why? Roy can't figure, but the name still sticks.

Bobby Falkenburg Wins
National Junior Net Title

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Aug. 6 — Bobby Falkenburg, on a furlough from the Army, won the 29th annual junior singles tennis title here yesterday beating Bernard Barten of San Angelo, Texas, 6-0, 6-4, 6-2 in the tournament finals on the Kalamazoo College courts. Falkenburg topped Jim Brink, Seattle, in straight sets last year.

Buddy Behrens, 15-year old Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., had won the boys crown with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Macdonald Methery, 15, of Princeton, N. J.

Jack Whips Montgomery
In Close Non-Title Bout

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 — Beau Jack piled up an early lead and then staved off a strong finish by lightweight champion (N. Y. and Pa. version) Bob Montgomery to gain a 10-round decision in their bout at Madison Square Garden Friday night. Jack weighed 138, Montgomery, 137.

Montgomery's title wasn't at stake in the bout which was held by the army for the benefit of war bond sales. Both principals are privates, Jack being stationed at Ft. Benning and Montgomery at Keesler Field, Miss.

(Dizzy Dean, former major league pitching ace, takes a fling at writing. This, the first of four articles, is Dizzy's account of the trials and tribulations of "the greatest hurler in baseball." The Chicago News' John P. Carmichael helped the Great One get the series in shape.)

I just wish my arm was like it was seven-eight years ago. I'd have me a picnic. When I came up with the Cards every club had three-four .300 hitters who really could powder that ball. Now? Shucks! I'd breeze home any day.

I never forget Manager Frankie Frisch the day I beat Detroit, 11-0, in the last game of the World's Series in 1934. We're in the clubhouse, see, celebratin' and I got a rubber tiger, all blown up, and I'm twistin' his tail and hollerin' like the rest and Frisch came by and stopped and do you know what he said?

"Anybody with your stuff should have won 40 games this year instead of a measly 30," he said. "You loaf, that's the trouble. Thirty games! You ought to be 'shamed of yourself.'"

Imagine that, and me just winning the Series for him; ol' Diz out there pitchin' outta turn, too.

Lem Franklin Dies
Of Injuries In Ring

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 6 — Lem Franklin, Negro heavyweight from Chicago who was knocked out by Larry Lane, Trenton colored boxer in a bout a week ago last Monday night, died here in the city hospital from head injuries received in the fight.

Franklin's head hit the ring floor when Lane dropped him with a left hook and the Chicago boxer remained unconscious for almost an hour before being removed to the hospital where it was found he had a severe concussion and his right side was paralyzed. He failed to show any improvement after being brought to the hospital and was placed in an oxygen tent several days ago.

Born in Mobile, Ala., 28 years ago, Franklin had been boxing professionally since 1937. Previously he'd won the international amateur heavyweight crown and fought his way to the finals of the Golden Gloves and the National AAU championships.

John Hall, New Jersey state boxing commissioner, said that prior to the bout, Franklin had undergone an exacting examination given by the commission doctors and that all regulations had been complied with before the fight. Lane was picked up by the Newark police to answer a technical charge of manslaughter.

Franklin's death is the first among the topnotch heavyweights since Ernie Schaaf died in February, 1933 after being kayoed by Primo Carnera at Madison Square Garden.

Louis Tour

NAPLES, Aug. 6 — After a two-day stay in Italy in which he boxed two exhibitions at Caserta against volunteer GIs, S-Sgt. Joe Louis and his party left for an unknown destination. He will return in two weeks to entertain 5th Army troops, it was announced today.

The fighters and promoter Mike Jacobs gave their services free. They didn't receive any bonds, but they made sure they sold them as the "gate" was 35,864,900 dollars in war bonds, the largest "gate" in boxing history.

It was the fourth meeting between Jack and Montgomery, both of whom have held the 135-pound crown twice and it gave them two bouts each in the series. Jack took command at the start, forcing the early fighting, but Montgomery came on in the late rounds. Jack held him, however, to win by a shade

don't forget that. He wanted me to pitch although he'd said that Bill Hallahan was gonna work the last game. But he came to me the night before and he asked: "Diz, do you wanna be the greatest man in baseball?" I told him I already was, but he didn't even hear me I guess,



'cause he went on: "You pitch that game tomorrow and you'll be tops." I just told him, "Gimme that ball tomorrow and your troubles are over."

I liked that ol' Frisch, but he worried all the time. You know he was leadin' 11 to 0 in the ninth with one out and he sent four pitchers down in the bullpen to warm up. So help me, I

thought they must be gettin' ready for the 1935 season.

Eleven-nothin' I got 'em and Hank Greenberg comin' up. I already struck him out twice, and when he came up I hollered over to the Tiger bench. I said: "What, no pinch-hitter?"

I put two fast balls right past the letter on that Greenberg uniform and when he missed the second one I hadda laugh. I put my glove to my face to keep from laughin' right in his face.

'Fore I could throw any more, Frisch came out. He was mad. He said: "Cut out the foolin'; we got a lot at stake." I just stood there and looked at him like he must be outta his mind. Me leadin' 11 to 0 with one out in the last of the ninth.

You know what Frisch told me? Yeah. He said: "You lose this guy and you're through."

Eleven-nothin'. I can't get over that yet.

That Greenberg couldn't a hit that next pitch if he'd started to swing when I wound up. Gonna pull me. He didn't even see it and the next guy was Owen and he forced Rogell and the whole thing was over.

(Hold on to your seats, boys! The Great One is just warming up for tomorrow's delivery.)

Cubs Take 11th Straight,
Climb Into 1st Division

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 — Bombing Fritzie Ostermueller and Preacher Roe for 16 hits, the surging Chicago Cubs won their 11th straight game yesterday, defeating the Pirates, 7-2, and climbed into the first division for the first time since the opening days of the season. Bill Nicholson got three singles and a triple in five trips, batted in a run and scored two more to lead the Bruins' attack. On Friday Nicholson had hit his 22nd homer, tying bed-ridden Mel Ott of the Giants. Rookie second baseman Don Johnson shared batting honors with the big rightfielder, getting three singles in five tries and batting in two runs. Bill Fleming was the winner with Ostermueller taking the losing rap.

In the only other game played in the National League, the Dodgers nosed out the Braves, 8-7. It was the hottest day of the year in Boston, and the intense heat caused pitchers to wilt frequently. No less than nine tossers saw action with Stan Klopp, fourth Boston flinger, being touched for the defeat and Curt Davis, Dodger hurler No. 5 winning the game.

Tex Hughson featured American League play, hanging up his 17th victory of the year as he limited the Senators to five hits and beat the Nats, 6-2. Jim Tabor and Bobby Doerr provided enough runs with homers to give Hughson the verdict. Tabor poled his with nobody on in the second and Doerr hit his 14th in the fourth frame with one on.

The wrinkles in Marse Joe McCarthy's face got a little deeper as his Yanks dropped a pair to the A's, 2-1 and 2-0.

5th Army Zone To Enter
NATOUA Baseball Finals

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Aug. 6 — The 5th Army zone will be represented in the NATOUA baseball finals October 5 to 9, it was announced today by Lt. Michael Kosteva, 5th Army athletic officer. Representatives of unit teams outside of Corps and Divisions have been asked to attend an arrangements meeting at the 5th Army special services office, August 15.

Divisions and corps, Lt. Kosteva announced, will sponsor eliminations and submit one team for the zone finals by 2400 hours August 31. All finalists, divisions, corps and others will meet at the Army special services office on September 1.

Deer Killer

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Aug. 6 — Twelve-year-old Ray Berger got a three-point, 159-pound buck on the opening day of the deer season here yesterday. The kid used a rifle longer than he was to bring down the buck which weighed twice as much as young master Berger.

Coast Loop Denies
Stealing Players
From Teams In East

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6 — Strife among the professional football leagues broke into the open today when the American League of the Pacific Coast expressed astonishment and denial of charges leveled by George Strickler, National Football League publicity director, that the western loop was draining talent away from the eastern league.

"I am not going to engage in any publicity with the National League," Jerry Giesler, nationally famous attorney and commissioner of the American League declared. "But we are hoping to build our league upon standards of fair play and justice. Such charges are totally unfounded."

Strickler had warned that the National League players who accepted contracts with other organizations would be ineligible for five years and that National League teams would not play teams with such players on their rosters.

"We also consider ourselves the major league," William Freelove, American League executive announced. "And we likewise provide that any player who jumps his contract will be subject to a five-year suspension."

The three players concerned in Strickler's blast were Bill Fisk and Dean Hilmick of the Detroit Lions and Vic Carroll of the New York Giants. They were picked up by the Los Angeles Mustangs, Los Angeles Wildcats and the Hollywood Rangers respectively.

The coast loop feels that each of these players belong to the Pacific Coast because war plant connections are frozen and they couldn't go back east if they wanted to.

The fight between the American and National Leagues follows closely upon the suggestion by the newly formed United States League that the National League agree to the formation of a national commission to regulate the games the way Judge Landis runs baseball, otherwise it is said, they face the prospect of bidding for talent and territories in the open market, with one league against another.

Dutton To Retain Job
As Hockey League Solon

TORONTO, Aug. 6 — Mervyn (Red) Dutton will run the National Hockey League again this season, it was revealed tonight by E. W. Bickle, a member of the ice loop's board of governors.

Bickle said that he had received a wire from Dutton who has been the league's managing director since the death of Frank Calder in February last year, saying that he will be here soon for the meeting of the rules committee and will resume his duties then.

'Rajah' Commentator

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Aug. 6 — Roger Hornsby former major league star has signed as daily sports commentator for a local station.

BASEBALL STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE				AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
St. Louis	70	27	.721	St. Louis	59	42	.584
Cincinnati	55	42	.567	Boston	54	46	.540
Pittsburgh	50	43	.538	New York	51	48	.515
Chicago	44	47	.473	Cleveland	51	50	.505
New York	47	51	.469	Detroit	49	50	.495
Brooklyn	40	56	.417	Chicago	48	50	.490
Boston	39	58	.402	Philadelphia	47	57	.452
Philadelphia	37	56	.398	Washington	42	58	.420

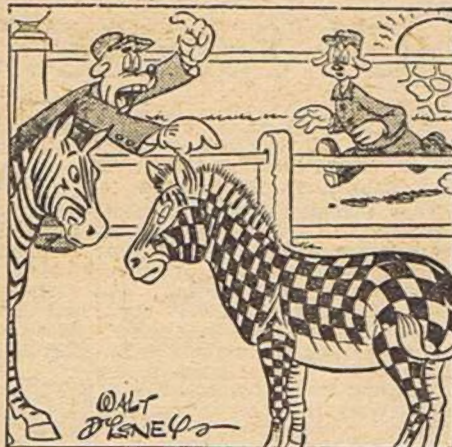
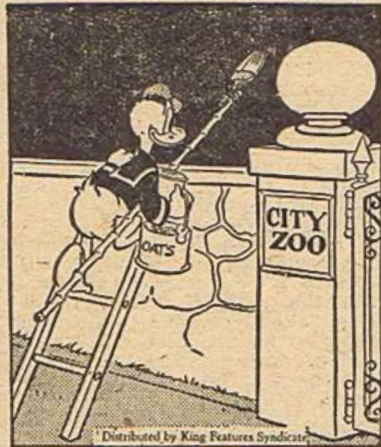
Friday's Scores				Friday's Scores			
Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 3.				Chicago 3, Cleveland 1.			
New York 4, Philadelphia 3.				Boston 4, Washington 0.			
Chicago 4, Pittsburgh 3.				New York 1, Philadelphia 0.			
Brooklyn 9, Boston 4.				St. Louis-Detroit not scheduled			

Saturday's Scores				Saturday's Scores			
Chicago 7, Pittsburgh 2.				Boston 6, Washington 2.			
Brooklyn 5, Boston 7.				Philadelphia 2, New York 1.			
New York-Philadelphia (night game).				Philadelphia 2, New York 0.			
St. Louis-Cincinnati not scheduled.				Detroit-Chicago (night game).			

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE				AMERICAN ASSOCIATION			
	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Baltimore	61	40	.604	Milwaukee	74	34	.685
Newark	58	49	.533	Toledo	64	41	.610
Buffalo	57	51	.528	Louisville	65	44	.596
Jersey City	51	51	.500	Columbus	58	47	.552
Montreal	50	51	.495	St. Paul	54	47	.535
Toronto	50	53	.485	Minneapolis	42	63	.400
Syracuse	45	58	.438	Indianapolis	33	72	.314
Rochester	44	61	.419	Kansas City	31	73	.298

DONALD DUCK

(Courtesy of King Features)



By WALT DISNEY

LOST AND FOUND

Giancarlo Cappelletti, son of Sig. Gino Cappelletti, 5 Via Pindemonte, writes: "After the liberation of Rome, my son made friends with two Allied soldiers (Americans, I think) who came to lunch with us. "To return the kindness they invited my son to their camp, 10 miles from Rome, where they offered him hospitality. On July 15, he went to the camp again and since then has not returned.

"We beg you to make inquiries among the soldiers of the camps near Rome, so that the boy may be restored to his family."

FOUND

Dog tag belonging to James H. Moore, 3408879.

LOST

Canvas bag, containing Kodak, 616 camera, with Dak. 2.5 lens and partially exposed roll of film, plus five miscellaneous articles in bag. Left in a weapons carrier. Cpl. R. Weirich.

Left in a jeep being driven by a British Major, a musette bag, containing field jacket, knife, toilet articles, souvenirs. Pvt. Charles Stecker.

Five pieces of cameo connected by large links. Lost in the ARC EM's club. Return to Cpl. Kenny Henkel.

Brown pocketbook containing 45 dollars. Pfc. Paul T. Clancy.

Agfa PD 16 camera in soft leather case, at entrance to St. Peter's Aug. 5. Case contained camera permit papers bearing name of Rena L. Troutman, Lt., ANC. Finder please return camera and film to Lt. Albert Alvin, RAAC, Room 33, telephone 683011, extension one. Reward.

Dog tag, Pvt. Frank Caruso, bearing number 32534081.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Letters are being held by Lost and Found for the following:

Pvt. Edward Meade, T-5 Franklin E. Daugherty, Pvt. Rudy Dizdar, Wac Pvt. E. Donovan, Pvt. M. Devorkin.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

(Name of the person being paged is printed in capitals.)

Enrico Fumelli, son ANTONIO FUMELLI; Sgt. George Pacheco, Pvt. MARY HASSETT; W-O John J. Newton, Cpl. IVEY J. NEWTON; Sgt. Phillip Reardon, PATRICK REARDON; Lt. W. W. Holding, Major SHELLY SWAIN.

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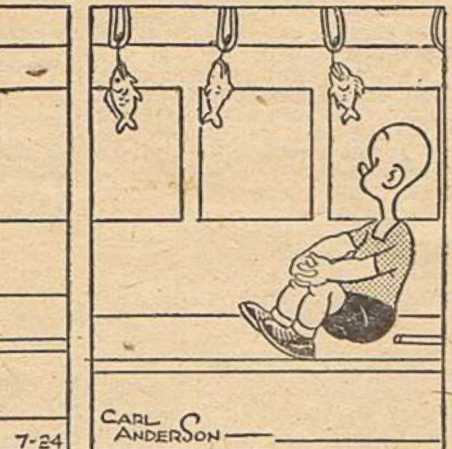
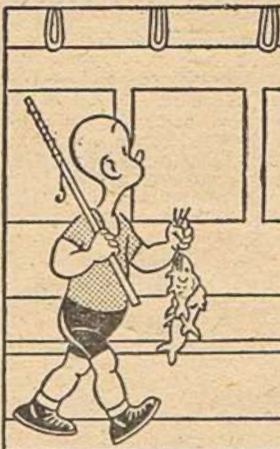
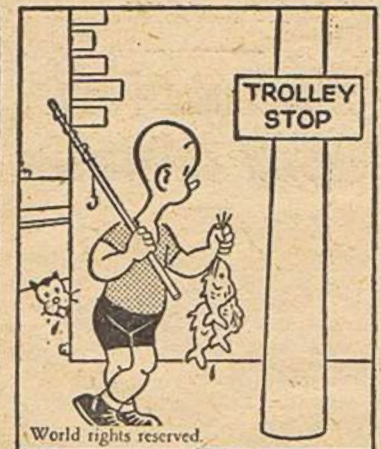
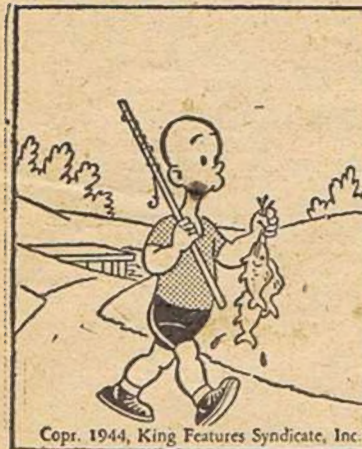
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6:00—Reveille Revels
6:30—News (BBC)
6:45—Reveille Revels
8:00—News (BBC)
8:15—Sign Off
10:00—Sound Off
10:15—Bulletin Board of the Air
10:30—Tune Tonics
11:00—Downbeat
11:30—Melody Round Up
11:45—Junior's Jive Session
12:00—News Highlights
PM
12:15—Personal Album
12:30—Music by Kostelanetz
1:00—News (BBC)
1:15—GI Jive
1:30—Platter Chatter
2:00—Music of the Masters
2:30—The Juke Box
3:00—News (BBC)
3:15—5th Army Strollers
3:30—Information Please
4:00—Radio News Reel (BBC)
4:15—Frankie Carle at the Piano
4:30—News (CBS)
4:45—Songs by Dinah Shore
5:00—The Rhythm Club
5:30—Contented Hour
6:00—World News (AFRS)
6:15—Evening Prayer
6:16—Fred Waring
6:30—Mail Call
7:00—Your Radio Theater
8:00—Ole! Oaken Bucket
9:00—News Highlights
9:05—Fred Allen
9:30—Spotlight Bands
9:45—News
10:00—Musical Autographs
10:30—One Nite Stand
11:00—News
11:15—Musical Tour
11:55—News
12:00—Sign Off

HENRY

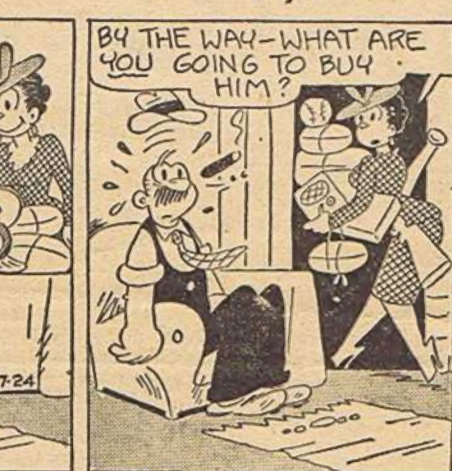
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THE FLOP FAMILY

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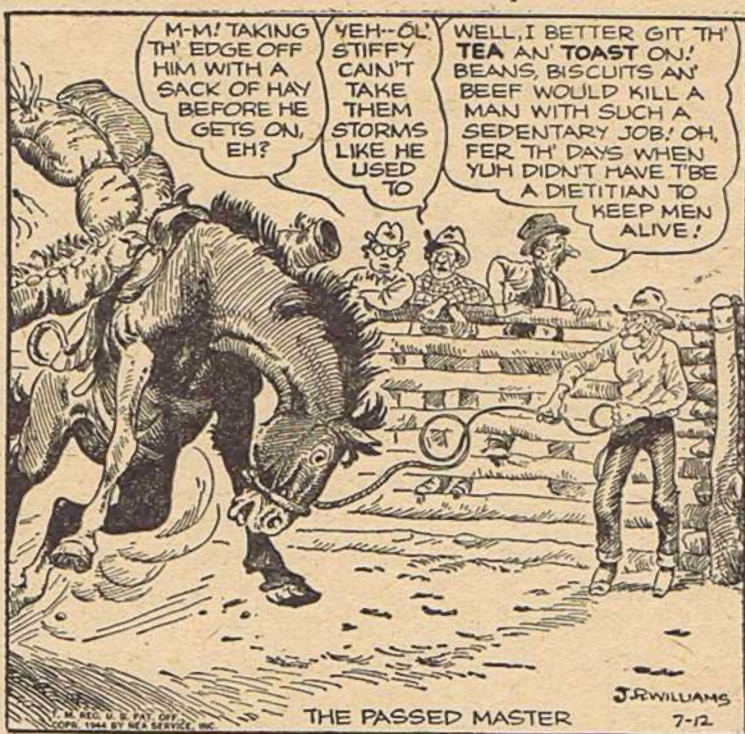
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OUT OUR WAY

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By WILLIAMS



BLONDIE

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By CHIC YOUNG

New Landings Cut Jap Escape Route

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Aug. 6—A new Allied amphibious landing on Biak Island off northwest New Guinea has cut off the escape of Jap remnants there, today's communique reported.

In western Dutch New Guinea the Japs are everywhere in full retreat, it was announced. "The effectiveness of the 2nd Japanese army defending New Guinea is approaching its end," the communique declared, adding that the enemy will suffer "calamitous losses."

The desperate Japs in the Aitape-Wewak pocket of British New Guinea lost 440 more men when they tried again to break out of their trap, bringing their total losses along the Drinimor River to 4,311 men, and still leaving some 40,000 men trapped.

From Guam in the Marianas came report today that the Americans have pressed the Japs back into a section covering about a quarter of the island's area. It was said that about 22,000 Jap civilians on Guam have sought refuge within the American lines.

Alcan Engineers Pushing Ledo Road

KANDY, Ceylon, Aug. 6—The same American engineers, who constructed the Alaska-Canada highway, have built the Ledo road in northern Burma to within 34 miles of captured Myitkyina, the southeast Asia Command revealed today.

The taking of Myitkyina, from which American and Chinese forces were driving southwestward today across the Irrawaddy River, was described as an essential step in Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's efforts to link the new Ledo highway with the old Burma road. Forward Allied troops in north Burma were only about 21 miles from westward-driving Chinese forces.

North of Myitkyina as fast as General Stilwell's troops pressed down the Mogaung Valley the American engineers, following in his wake, stretched the Ledo road towards the Burma road, making the Ledo a two-lane highway, capable of carrying heavy supplies to the China front.

The road was described by a New York Times correspondent as "destined to open a new major front against Japan." The drive to link it with the Burma road to the west of Myitkyina began with the crushing of the Jap drive into northeast Asia where the Japs met defeat at Imphal.

Yugoslav Expedition Aided By RAF Cover

ADVANCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 6—The expedition which landed on Korcula Island, in the Dalmatian Islands, and later evacuated without casualty or loss of equipment owes much of its success to the constant fighter escort cover by RAF Spitfires, it was announced here today.

The objective was enemy gun positions on each side of the Peljesack Channel. Army observers reported that these targets were very effectively hit by Spit bombers, and that German concentrations were thoroughly strafed.

PISA WELCOME

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ing the day except for a couple of barrages that usually last an hour or so.

"It ain't that we're nervous," explained Sgt. Robert L. Smith, Mount Holly, N. J. "It's just that this sort of thing goes on all night and we don't get any sleep. And the longer you go without sleep, the jumper you get."

At night it isn't only the intensified artillery that keeps the boys up. Jerry usually has a patrol or two across the river. "We don't know how he gets across," said Lt. Hess. "Some of the guys even think the Krauts hide somewhere on our side of the river and come out when it gets dark."

The barrage stopped as suddenly as it had started. The platoon moved slowly and cautiously to the opening and looked at the fresh debris around the square. The nerve wracking silence set in again. "No more until tonight," Sgt. Smith breathed. "Hope to Christ there's no more 'til tonight."

Film Notables In Series Of Spectacular Brawls

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 6—Fist fights left a half dozen topflight picture heroes dribbling blood from their handsome noses tonight.

They included Jon Hall, whose wife Frances Langford was an overseas favorite on the Bob Hope tour; Edward Norris, movie he-man; Tommy Dorsey, the five king; Pat Dane, Dorsey's beautiful mate; Charles Bickford, who usually tangles with bears in epics of the Yukon; Barney Oldfield, the racing driver, and Prince Mike Romanoff, the Beverly Hills restaurant proprietor.

The noisiest brawl was at the Dorsey home where the bandleader threw a party for numerous film beauties and their escorts.

The party ended at dawn. Later, Norris and Hall returned to pick up a purse left by a feminine guest. The beautiful Mrs. Dorsey opened the door and Hall allegedly threw his strong arms around her. She bopped him on the nose with the purse, and Dorsey took a poke at the erstwhile guest.

Norris found himself on the floor with two ladies kicking him in the stomach. Neighbors awakened and one claimed she saw a knife used on Hall's neck. Hall, who suffered five flesh wounds in the neck and shoulders, said he didn't know whether the attacker used a knife or a broken bottle, but believed he hit a flower pot as he went down.

Other Hollywood brawls included some lulu, too. Sixty-year-old Barney Oldfield tangled with Mike Romanoff, the bogus prince, in a

super traffic row, and dropped him with one punch.

Charles Bickford, whose best known fight was with a lion which nearly killed him in a movie, encountered three strangers in a fashionable saloon and claimed their conversation didn't sound too patriotic. With Bickford was Russell Birdwell, the big time press agent, who said Bickford knocked them all out.

GOP Governors End St. Louis Conclave

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6—Twenty-six Republican governors under the leadership of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, presidential candidate, concluded their conference over the weekend after producing a political dossier charging the New Deal with courting "national disaster" in the reconversion of wartime industry. Today Gov. Dewey was en route to his Pawling, N. Y., home having ended his first campaign trip.

The Republican governors charged that "the New Deal displayed listlessness, negligence and lack of leadership" in the field of reconversion and postwar jobs, affirming that "the national administration is now standing squarely in the path of the future employment of our returning veterans."

The conference in its 14-point program called for "comprehensive and immediate action by the Federal government to provide prompt contract termination and plant clearance after the war, with employers fully informed of the government's policies so they can prepare now for reconversion."

PHILLY STRIKE

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be called for pre-induction physicals.

Eleven elevated trains operated today. The subway tunnel on the Broad Street line was quiet. No bus or trolley wheel turned, and Philadelphia's thousands of war workers walked to work in 100-degree heat or got rides in special company buses. Production was reported far below normal in virtually all factories.

General Hayes said, "The war cannot wait while employees of this company make up their minds whether they will come back to work or not. Federal troops are being brought to Philadelphia to see to it that operations are resumed in accordance with the provisions of the President's executive order."

He then read the directive to the Selective Service and said draft boards in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware were notified of the directive.

"I know these are all drastic measures," he said. "But when we are fighting a war the first consideration must be the advancement of the war effort. Every day these troops have to be kept here means a day's delay in getting them to the battlefronts. We cannot shell any Germans or Japs with troops who drive transit vehicles in Philadelphia."

Jennifer's Woe

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6—Actress Jennifer Holt, daughter of film actor Jack Holt, won a divorce today from Maj. William M. Richey. She claimed that her husband told her she should have "as much fortitude as the soldiers on Guadalcanal," where he served as a flyer. She testified, "He's contemptuous and unsympathetic and said I pampered myself."

U. S. Force Reaches Outskirts Of Brest

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position. Apparently putting up no organized resistance in the Brittany peninsula, Rommel is swinging his whole line back like a door whose hinge is placed below Caen.

The apparent reason for Rommel placing the bulk of his strength on the right flank is that a breakthrough south of Caen would open the way for a direct approach to Paris.

Meanwhile, the British were able to report a gradual loosening of the German hinge. British and Canadian units have cleared the whole region west of the Orne River to a point east of Aunay. The Nazis have withdrawn to the east bank of the Orne in this sector.

American forces also have cleared the Forest de St. Sever, six miles west of Vire, an Associated Press dispatch said. This was formerly one of the main German ammunition dumps in Normandy.

In support of the phenomenal advances by Allied troops, Radio France issued a call to the people of Brittany to rise en masse.

8TH ARMY

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destroyed, Kraut troops were using demolished buildings in the vicinity of the sole remaining bridge—the classic Ponte Vecchio—as hiding places for snipers and lively small arms duels were in progress yesterday.

To the southeast of Florence, forward elements of the 8th Army continued to advance in the vicinity of highways 69 and 71. The line was pushed beyond Rignano, eight miles to the southeast of Florence and Bibbiano, Grillo and Monte Altuceia on either side of highway 71 were taken, the last named after heavy shelling.

L'IL ABNER



Jackie Cooper Snarled In Delinquency Charge

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 6—Jackie Cooper, former film actor, and George Bender, both trainees at the Navy V-12 Training Unit at the University of Notre Dame, were charged today with contributing to the delinquency of two South Bend girls.

Executive Officer Walter S. Gabel of the training center refused to surrender them to civilian authorities after accepting warrants with the charges. The warrants against the 22-year-old youths were presented by Lea L. Cook, Joseph County deputy prosecutor. Gabel said the warrants would be processed through the Ninth Naval District headquarters and the Secretary of the Navy.

Cooper and Bender, who comes from Sheffield, Ill., were accused of holding an all-night party with two teen-age girls on July 22 in a hotel.

Soviet Tanks Push South of Warsaw

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without. A message from inside the Polish capital said volunteers were reporting daily for service with the patriots and that the entire population is filled with a "burning desire to fight."

The German News Agency admitted the Russians had scored a breakthrough farther north at Wirballen, on the East Prussian border, only 38 miles east of Insterburg. It was the first German admission that German soil had been invaded. Russian artillery was reported pounding narrow sectors of frontier fortifications while in the Suwalki Triangle, annexed by Germany to East Prussia in 1939, Russian armies were said to be closing in on the town of Suwalki itself.

A Soviet communique announced further advances north and northwest of Kaunas at the north end of the line, thus tightening the trap on the German 16th and 18th Armies in the Baltic.

A dispatch from a Reuters correspondent in Moscow stated that fighting in this sector was "slaughter." It added that the isolated Nazi units "have plenty of miscellaneous ammunition but are running short of large caliber shells and other special supplies." Another report declared that Russian trucks loaded with speedboats, torpedoes and mines were speeding up the Soviet corridor to the Baltic Sea west of Riga to cut off any attempt at evacuation by sea.

B-29s Hit Coke Works In Manchurian Attack

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—The B-29 Super Fortresses which struck the Japanese steel works at Ashan in Manchuria on July 29 scored direct hits on coke ovens and other factory buildings in an important blow at the enemy's war-making capacity, said Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson today.

"Japan's new industries in stolen Manchuria are no safer than Japan's war industries and war machine elsewhere," Stimson said. The Secretary of War also commented that the rapid advance in Normandy in the last nine days was the "most satisfying accomplishment since the successful landings on the French beaches and overshadowed even the swift envelopment and liberation of Cherbourg."

Radio Pioneer Dies

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 6—Lt. Col. T. G. B. Morris, Army Air Corps, retired, the first man to transmit a radio message from an airplane, died in a hotel here today of heart attack.

15th Bombers Smack At Southern France

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 6—Strong formations of Flying Forts and Liberators of the 15th AAF struck at southern France today.

Rail communications and oil storage areas in the Rhone Valley and the enemy submarine pens at the port of Toulon were the targets of the heavy bombers which encountered few enemy aircraft but some flak.

Liberators made the assault on the submarine pens, last bombed by the 15th AAF on July 5, with good results.

Rail yards at Valence and an oil storage dump and railroad bridge at Le Pouzin, 15 miles to the southwest, in the Rhone Valley were the objectives of Flying Fortresses.

P-51 Mustangs provided penetration, target cover and withdrawal escort for the powerful bomber formations. P-38 Lightning fighter bombers, which also accompanied the heavies, attacked the Orange Plan de Dieu airbase, 15 miles northeast of Avignon and the Valence La Treu airfield.

Bad weather restricted operations of the MAAF yesterday and obscured targets for all but one flight of fighter bombers who scored two hits on a road 12 miles north of Allessandria.

Approximately 500 sorties were flown throughout the day by fighters and fighter bombers who carried out sweeps over the battle areas, cut rail lines to the north and attacked targets along the Po River.

Northeast of Rimini, a Beaufighter of the Coastal Air Force destroyed a JU-88 while other Beaufighters struck at shipping off Cape Mel, between Savona and Nice and hit an enemy merchant ship.

Captain Of Catalina Cited For Sea Rescue

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 6—For a daring sea rescue in which he landed his Catalina flying boat in a stormy sea to save an RAF Wellington pilot, Capt. Merrick A. Gray of St. Johnsbury, Vt., has been awarded the British Distinguished Flying Cross.

Capt. Gray, commander of an emergency rescue unit of the 12th Fighter Command, was on patrol over the Gulf of Genoa near enemy-occupied shores when his crew spotted the dinghy of the Wellington pilot, only survivor of his ship's plunge into the sea.

Fearful that he would lose contact if he rose to signal for help, Capt. Gray landed his plane on 15-foot swells.

The exhausted pilot was dragged aboard the flying boat by one of the crew lashed to the wing after 40 minutes of maneuvering in which the dinghy was swept away many times. Unable to take off, Capt. Gray taxied the Catalina over the water throughout the remainder of the day and half the night before a speed launch found the plane just before it ran out of fuel.

U.S. Hopes For Improved Russo-Polish Relations

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—The United States government hopes for a satisfactory solution of the Russian-Polish problems as a result of present negotiations in Moscow, Under Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius said today.

Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczak of the Polish government in exile is now in Moscow where he has conferred with Premier Stali and is preparing to talk with officials of the Russian-sponsored Polish Committee of National Liberation.

By AL CAPP

(Courtesy of United Features)

